

**National Interagency Coordination Center
Incident Management Situation Report
Saturday, August 23, 2008 – 0800 MDT
National Preparedness Level 3**

National Fire Activity

Initial attack activity:	Light (171 new fires)
New large fires:	5 (*)
Large fires contained:	3
Uncontained large fires:	27
Area Command Teams committed:	0
NIMOs committed:	1
Type 1 IMTs committed:	1
Type 2 IMTs committed:	14
Fire Use Teams committed:	6

*Uncontained large fires do not include WFU or confine/contain incidents. **

[Link](#) to Geographic Area daily reports.

On August 21st, a North Carolina Division of Forest Resources firefighter was fatally injured on the Bradley Falls fire in Polk County, North Carolina. The firefighting community extends condolences to the family and friends of the deceased.

Northwest Area (PL 4)

New fires:	89
New large fires:	0
Uncontained large fires:	12
Type 2 IMTs committed:	8
Fire Use Teams committed:	2

Swanson Lake, Northeast District, Washington DNR. Washington IMT 2 (Reed). Four miles southwest of Creston, WA. Timber, grass and brush. Moderate fire behavior with creeping and torching. Residences and cultural resources threatened.

Summit Springs Complex (3 fires), Sisters Unit, Oregon DOF. Oregon IMT 2 (Hirsch). Nine miles north of Sisters, OR. Timber. Active fire behavior. Structures and cultural resources threatened.

Wild Rivers Complex, Siskiyou NF. IMT 2 (Suwyn). Seventeen miles southwest of Grants Pass, OR. Timber, brush and grass. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching.

North Fork, Umpqua NF. IMT 2 (Batten). Twenty-six miles northeast of Glide, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering.

Bridge Creek, Ochoco NF. IMT 2 (Rapp). Five miles southwest of Mitchell, OR. Logging slash. Creeping and smoldering.

Ochoco Fire Use – WFU (2 fires), Ochoco NF. FUMT (Reidy). Ten miles southwest of Dayville, OR. Timber. Creeping and smoldering with isolated torching.

Snow Creek Complex (3 fires), Deschutes NF. Transfer of command from Washington IMT 2 (LaFave) back to local unit today. Fourteen miles west of Sunriver, OR. Timber. Minimal fire behavior. Cultural sites threatened. Area closures in effect.

Gnarl, Mt. Hood NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (West) back to local unit today. Twenty-four miles south of Hood River, OR. Timber. Smoldering.

Jack Creek, Okanogan/Wenatchee NF. FUMT (Bonefeld). Confine/contain management strategy. Thirteen miles southwest of Leavenworth, WA. Subalpine fir. Smoldering.

Middle Fork Complex (60 fires), Willamette NF. Washington IMT 2 (Gormley). Lane County, OR. Timber, brush and slash. Active fire behavior.

Rock Lake, Washington DNR. Eighteen miles south of Cheney, WA. Timber and grass. Smoldering.

Lonesome Complex (3 fires), Rogue River NF. Twenty miles northeast of Prospect, OR. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

Harvey Lake, Warm Springs Agency, BIA. Twenty miles west of Madras, OR. Timber. Minimal fire activity.

Clackamas River Complex (30 fires), Mt. Hood NF. Twenty-six miles southeast of Estacada, OR. Timber. Creeping and backing. Structures threatened. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Swanson Lake	WA	NES	19,090	0	45	8/25	727	-25	24	71	3	18	2.2M	ST
Summit Springs Complex	OR	955S	1,926	0	30	9/1	919	175	31	49	4	0	2.6M	ST
Wild Rivers Complex	OR	SIF	645	45	45	9/1	613	147	21	12	5	0	1.3M	FS
North Fork	OR	UPF	451	1	65	8/28	751	-7	22	12	3	0	4.1M	FS
Bridge Creek	OR	OCF	4,902	0	75	8/25	584	-11	14	26	3	0	3.0M	FS
Ochoco Fire Use – WFU	OR	OCF	2,000	0	N/A	N/A	295	4	7	10	1	0	1.3M	FS
Snow Creek Complex	OR	DEF	389	0	70	UNK	463	4	14	17	2	0	1.4M	FS
Gnarl	OR	MHF	516	0	90	8/31	174	-34	2	2	3	0	4.8M	FS
Jack Creek	WA	OWF	1,058	0	0	10/1	37	0	0	0	0	0	548K	FS
Middle Fork Complex	OR	WIF	200	---	NR	9/4	359	265	11	3	5	0	NR	FS
Rock Lake	WA	WFS	2,241	0	80	UNK	189	46	3	37	0	0	300K	ST
Lonesome Complex	OR	RRF	660	0	15	9/15	294	0	12	9	0	0	505K	FS
Harvey Lake	OR	WSA	152	0	65	UNK	147	-22	6	7	2	0	430K	BIA
Clackamas River Complex	OR	MHF	140	0	90	9/3	100	-83	3	5	1	0	NR	FS
Foam Creek – WFU	WA	OWF	595	0	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0	0	1K	FS

Northern California Area (PL 3)

New fires: 17
New large fires: 0
Uncontained large fires: 9
NIMOs committed: 1
Type 2 IMTs committed: 4
Fire Use Teams committed: 1

NIMO Team (Gage) is assigned to the Klamath National Forest.

Slinkard, Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Kaage). Four miles southeast of Seiad Valley, CA. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with creeping and smoldering.

Iron and Alps Complexes (3 fires), Shasta-Trinity NF. IMT 2 (Cowie). One mile north of Junction City, CA. Timber, brush and grass. Backing, creeping and smoldering. Numerous structures threatened.

Siskiyou/Blue 2 Complex (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Paul). Eighteen miles southwest of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Smoldering. Cultural sites threatened.

Panther (2 fires), Klamath NF. IMT 2 (Harvey). Fifteen miles south of Happy Camp, CA. Timber and brush. Moderate fire behavior with isolated torching.

Bear Wallow Complex (3 fires), Klamath NF. FUMT (Beckman). Confine/contain management strategy. Fourteen miles west of Etna, CA. Timber and brush. Minimal fire activity with creeping and smoldering.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Slinkard	CA	KNF	374	54	75	8/24	431	19	14	10	2	0	2.2M	FS
Iron and Alps Complexes	CA	SHF	105,325	0	94	9/1	604	30	13	12	5	1	68.9M	FS
Siskiyou / Blue 2 Complex	CA	KNF	79,762	0	79	8/30	682	13	14	15	6	0	57.1M	FS
Panther	CA	KNF	48,001	91	75	8/28	172	-3	3	3	1	0	14.4M	FS
Bear Wallow Complex	CA	KNF	44,543	51	35	9/30	104	-22	1	2	3	0	11.4M	FS
Jack	CA	BNP	6,900	0	100	---	32	0	1	1	1	0	375K	NPS

BNP – Lava Beds National Monument

Northern Rockies Area (PL 3)

New fires: 10
New large fires: 1
Uncontained large fires: 2
Type 2 IMTs committed: 1

Knowlton Complex, Eastern Land Office, Montana DNR. Thirty-eight miles southeast of Miles City, MT. Timber, grass and brush. Active fire behavior with running, spotting and crowning. Structures threatened.

Bear Gulch, Central Land Office, Montana DNR. IMT 2 (Secrest). Twelve miles east of Townsend, MT. Timber. Creeping and smoldering.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Knowlton Complex	MT	EAS	4,500	---	0	UNK	135	---	0	25	3	0	NR	ST
Bear Gulch	MT	CES	755	0	91	8/24	270	-35	6	5	3	0	1.1M	ST
DRGA	MT	EAS	350	---	100	---	14	0	0	4	1	0	NR	ST

Eastern Great Basin Area (PL 3)

New fires: 9
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 1
 Fire Use Teams committed: 1

4th of July, Lemhi County FD. Twenty miles north of Salmon, ID. Grass and brush. Minimal fire behavior. Structures threatened. Restricted traffic control on state highway 93. Precipitation occurred over the fire area yesterday.

South Barker - WFU, Sawtooth NF. FUMT (Soper). Two miles east of Featherville, ID. Mixed conifer, brush and grass. Active fire behavior with intermittent torching and spotting.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* 4 th of July	ID	LEX	330	---	NR	UNK	66	---	2	7	2	0	NR	CNTY
South Barker – WFU	ID	STF	12,687	4,031	N/A	N/A	227	-22	8	5	1	0	1.5M	FS
Willow – WFU	ID	CTF	2,850	172	N/A	N/A	83	2	3	3	1	0	650K	FS
Friedal	UT	BRS	2,782	-218	100	---	3	0	0	2	0	0	NR	ST

CTF – Caribou-Targhee NF BRS – Bear River Area, Utah DOF

Western Great Basin (PL 2)

New fires: 2
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 2
 Type 1 IMTs committed: 1
 Type 2 IMTs committed: 1
 Fire Use Teams committed: 1

East Slide Rock Ridge, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. FUMT (Svalberg). IMT 1 (Summerfelt) ordered. Previously reported as a WFU. Fifteen miles southeast of Jarbidge, NV. Timber. Moderate fire behavior with group tree torching, short upslope crown runs and short-range spotting. Structures threatened. Area closures in effect.

Silver Creek, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF. Transfer of command from IMT 2 (Whalen) back to the local unit will occur today. Twenty miles northwest of Bridgeport, CA. Timber and brush. Creeping and smoldering.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
East Slide Rock Ridge	NV	HTF	11,252	1,351	0	UNK	145	45	2	10	1	0	508K	FS
Silver Creek	NV	HTF	680	0	99	8/23	227	-110	4	9	0	0	1.9M	FS

Rocky Mountain Area (PL 2)

New fires: 3
 New large fires: 0
 Uncontained large fires: 0
 Fire Use Teams committed: 1

Gunbarrel - WFU, Shoshone NF. FUMT (Hahnenberg). Forty miles west of Cody, WY. Timber. Minimal fire behavior with occasional upslope runs, creeping and smoldering. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
Gunbarrel – WFU	WY	SHF	50,615	7,243	N/A	N/A	195	28	3	13	3	8	5.9M	FS

Southern Area (PL 2)

New fires: 22
 New large fires: 2
 Uncontained large fires: 1

Old 15th, Cherokee NF. Three miles southeast of Del Rio, TN. Logging slash. Active fire behavior with backing. Structures threatened.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Old 15 th	TN	CNF	525	---	10	8/26	56	---	1	1	1	0	15K	FS
* Baker Fork	KY	KYS	310	---	100	---	21	---	2	0	0	0	NR	PRI

KYS – Kentucky DOF

Southwest Area (PL 1)

New fires: 3
 New large fires: 1
 Uncontained large fires: 0

Black – WFU, Coconino NF. Seventeen miles northeast of Flagstaff, AZ. Hardwood litter. Backing with torching and spotting. Last narrative report unless significant activity occurs.

Incident Name	St	Unit	Size	Size Chge 24 Hrs	% CTN	Est Ctn	Totl Pers	Pers Chge 24 Hrs	Crw	Eng	Heli	Strc Lost	\$\$ CTD	Origin Own
* Black – WFU	AZ	COF	127	---	N/A	N/A	8	---	0	1	0	0	2K	FS
Alta – WFU	NM	SNF	600	50	N/A	N/A	4	-1	0	1	0	0	NR	FS
Mill – WFU	AZ	KNF	440	240	N/A	N/A	33	0	0	2	0	0	NR	FS

SNF – Santa Fe NF

KNF – Kaibab NF

Predictive Services Discussion: Warmer and drier conditions are expected in the West today as a high pressure ridge builds over the area. Isolated dry thunderstorms are possible in northern Nevada and northwest Utah. Tropical Storm Fay will likely weaken to a depression today and will continue to dump heavy rainfall across western Florida and Alabama.

[Link](#) to Predictive Services Outlook product.



http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/dsp_sixminutes.php

Building Fireline Downhill With Fire Below

As a general rule, construct line moving uphill. Many firefighters have lost their lives attacking wildland fires from above. If there is no practical alternative to constructing line downhill, proceed only after weighing the following considerations:

- Has the area been scouted for fire perimeter and behavior? Discuss what you need to know about the fire perimeter and fire behavior before building fireline downhill with fire below.
- Will wind direction be at your back? Will it stay at your back? Talk about how winds can change when you are on a slope (e.g., time of day, upslope and downslope breezes, etc.).
- Is the area free of chimneys and gullies? How would you negotiate your line location if there were chimneys and gullies below where you needed to be working?
- Are there adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill? How do you maintain adequate safety zones and escape routes as you progress downhill?
- Can you carry your burnout downhill as you go to provide an anchor point and safety zones? Discuss how you decide when to carry the burnout with you or wait until you have tied in down below.
- Have lookouts been posted? What do the lookouts need to be on the watch for?
- Do you have good communications, especially with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are some of the dangers of not communicating with lookouts and crews working towards you? What are the benefits of maintaining good communications?
- Can the line be completed and burned out before the fire reaches the line? Discuss how this would affect where you locate the line.
- Do you have adequate resources to complete the assignment? What additional resources might you need to safely take on an assignment that includes building fireline downhill with fire below?
- Is aerial support available if needed? What benefits can aerial resources provide? What might be an added danger from aerial resources in this type of situation? (Common Denominators)
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- Has everyone been briefed on the assignment, fire behavior, weather, communications, escape routes and safety zones, hazards and tactics? Discuss who might provide this briefing and where and when it might occur.
- To reduce the risks:
 - If the answer is “no” to any of these questions, consider other tactics and provide for safety first.
 - Never compromise escape routes to safety zones for the sake of building line. Remind everyone that a situation check is each and every firefighter’s right and responsibility.

Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					0		0
Northwest	FIRES		9	1		14	65	89
	ACRES		6,823	0		1	226	7,050
Northern California	FIRES					15	2	17
	ACRES					10	104	114
Southern California	FIRES		1		1	6	1	9
	ACRES		0		0	2	75	77
Northern Rockies	FIRES	1				8	1	10
	ACRES	0				4,220	0	4,220
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		3		1	3	2	9
	ACRES		226		1	3,000	90	3,317
Western Great Basin	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	0	0
Southwest	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						1	1
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		1			2		3
	ACRES		70			118		188
Eastern Area	FIRES					3	3	6
	ACRES					1	1	2
Southern Area	FIRES	1				19	2	22
	ACRES	0				221	22	243
TOTAL	FIRES	2	14	1	2	72	80	171
	ACRES	0	7,119	0	1	7,573	519	15,212

Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		14	17	1	284	4	320
	ACRES		717	1,243	0	54,541	0	56,501
Northwest	FIRES	262	229	19	62	661	1,134	2,367
	ACRES	34,179	93,471	8,235	520	30,243	13,692	180,340
Northern California	FIRES	161	30	5	24	2,580	833	3,633
	ACRES	333	59	161	12,926	281,906	601,413	896,798
Southern California	FIRES	68	82	11	24	3,012	387	3,584
	ACRES	383	23,818	863	19	51,984	285,237	362,304
Northern Rockies	FIRES	964	75	16	10	740	541	2,346
	ACRES	19,348	7,386	7,102	9,331	54,438	20,832	118,437
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	36	373	5	16	387	340	1,157
	ACRES	9,249	47,220	513	136	13,338	26,018	96,474
Western Great Basin	FIRES	8	233	6	15	61	53	376
	ACRES	10	18,965	51	6	3,169	637	22,838
Southwest	FIRES	647	221	6	48	684	837	2,443
	ACRES	19,406	81,201	347	976	263,260	95,589	460,779
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	453	290	24	23	518	303	1,611
	ACRES	2,038	3,265	2,008	318	162,375	1,566	171,570
Eastern Area	FIRES	317		13	16	7,882	277	8,505
	ACRES	1,934		247	64	44,605	705	47,555
Southern Area	FIRES	928		14	59	35,148	539	36,688
	ACRES	59,115		29,559	54,147	1,839,541	37,033	2,019,395
TOTAL	FIRES	3,844	1,547	136	298	51,957	5,248	63,030
	ACRES	145,995	276,102	50,329	78,443	2,799,400	1,082,722	4,432,991

Ten Year Average Fires	60,398
Ten Year Average Acres	5,261,394

Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. *

Prescribed Fires and Acres Yesterday

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				234			234
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	234	0	0	234

Prescribed Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					10		10
	ACRES					3,990		3,990
Northwest	FIRES	10	35	13	3		99	160
	ACRES	2,435	3,355	2,359	6		19,377	27,532
Northern California	FIRES	25	14	12	9	7	98	165
	ACRES	415	617	22,907	14	1,160	2,648	27,761
Southern California	FIRES		4	4	8	5	129	150
	ACRES		118	822	1,335	51	13,114	15,440
Northern Rockies	FIRES	16	16	50	5	27	148	262
	ACRES	773	2,161	15,787	309	1,599	18,016	38,645
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	3	19	5	8	14	48	97
	ACRES	200	2,197	346	1,359	2,289	11,303	17,694
Western Great Basin	FIRES		3	2	2		4	11
	ACRES		2,655	12	27		2,437	5,131
Southwest	FIRES	28	61	9	12		135	245
	ACRES	3,203	39,095	12,031	1,462		53,543	109,334
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	27	19	105	18	45	111	325
	ACRES	2,715	2,021	18,415	4,445	5,331	33,263	66,190
Eastern Area	FIRES	46		318	17	1,558	99	2,038
	ACRES	30,375		50,637	860	106,226	14,038	202,136
Southern Area	FIRES	20		100	82	418	751	1,371
	ACRES	13,894		41,983	60,846	237,755	714,899	1,069,377
TOTAL	FIRES	175	171	618	164	2,084	1,622	4,834
	ACRES	54,010	52,219	165,299	70,663	358,401	882,638	1,583,230

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WFU Fires and Acres Year-to-Date

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		6	15	5	1		27
	ACRES		7,397	27,621	1,420	3		36,441
Northwest	FIRES				13		21	34
	ACRES				7		2,813	2,820
Northern California	FIRES						8	8
	ACRES						9,330	9,330
Southern California	FIRES				9		6	15
	ACRES				1,061		14,933	15,994
Northern Rockies	FIRES				2		46	48
	ACRES				0		7,879	7,879
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				1		9	10
	ACRES				0		16,597	16,597
Western Great Basin	FIRES		2		1		9	12
	ACRES		81		0		9,730	9,811
Southwest	FIRES				2		17	19
	ACRES				112		15,558	15,670
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		5		2		4	11
	ACRES		3		0		52,872	52,875
Eastern Area	FIRES			2				2
	ACRES			1				1
Southern Area	FIRES						5	5
	ACRES						1,596	1,596
TOTAL	FIRES	0	13	17	35	1	125	191
	ACRES	0	7,481	27,622	2,600	3	131,308	169,014

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Canada Fires and Hectares

Provinces	Fires Yesterday	Hectares Yesterday	Fires Year-To-Date	Hectares Year-To-Date
British Columbia	37	42	1,777	12,036
Yukon Territory	1	4	67	18,846
Alberta	0	0	1,480	17,893
Northwest Territory	5	2,512	234	302,658
Saskatchewan	1	0	572	1,073,274
Manitoba	2	72	381	147,442
Ontario	9	309	257	945
Quebec	2	0	171	1,452
Newfoundland	0	0	115	3,754
New Brunswick	0	0	144	129
Nova Scotia	0	0	238	2,562
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	0	0	89	4,084
Total	57	2,939	5,525	1,585,074

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